कृषि उत्पादन, विकास और निवेश में असंतुलन

896. श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश के विभिन्न भागों में कृषि क्षेत्र में उत्पादन, विकास और निवेश में अत्यधिक असंतुलन पाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या कृषि विकास, उत्पादन और निवेश की दृष्टि से उड़ीसा, गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश सर्वाधिक पिछड़े राज्य हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इन राज्यों में कृषि क्षेत्र के विकास को बढ़ावा देने और वहां निवेश में वृद्धि करने के लिए सरकार की कोई विस्तृत कार्य योजना है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोम पाल): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) देश के विभिन्न भागों में कृषि क्षेत्र में उत्पादन, विकास तथा निवेश विभिन्न कारकों पर निर्भर होता है, जैसे सस्य तथा मौसमी परिस्थितियां, मृदा उर्वरता, सिंचाई सुविधाएं, वर्षा सिंचित क्षेत्र, आधारभूत ढांचा आदि। वर्ष 1994-95 से 1996-97 के दौरान प्रमुख कृषि फसलों जैसे अनाज, तिलहन तथा गन्ने की राज्यवार पैदावार का ब्यौरा अनुपत्र में दिया गया है। **[देखिए परिशिष्ट 184 अनुपत्र संख्या 26]**

(घ) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना (1997—2002) में कृषि के लिए 4.5 प्रतिशत की वार्षिक वृद्धि दर की परिकल्पना की गयी है। इन लक्ष्यों को क्षेत्रीय आधार पर श्रेणीकृत कार्य नीति के माध्यम से प्राप्त किया जाएगा, जो कृषि की दृष्टि से पिछड़े राज्यों में कृषि के विकास को बढ़ाने के लिए सस्य, मौसमीय तथा पर्यावरण के अनुकूल परिस्थितियों पर आधारित होगी। वृहत स्तर पर कृषि विकास नीति को क्षेत्रीय विशेषताओं जैसे उच्च उत्पादक उत्तर-पश्चिमी क्षेत्र, प्रचुर जलराशि वाले पूर्वी क्षेत्र आदि के अनुसार श्रेणीकृत किया जाएगा।

सरकार का प्रस्ताव योजनागत परिव्ययों में अधिक आवंटन के माध्यम से कृषि के निवेश में वृद्धि करना है।

Promotion of Horticulture

897. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise financial assistance provided by Government to promote horticulture in the States during the year 1997 and till date;

(b) whether Government have received any progress report regarding horticulture development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) Funds are being released on Statewise basis only. The States have been provided assistance to promote horticulture to the tune of Rs. 182.42 crores under various horticulture schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation during the year 1997-98. A number of States have reported progress in respect of area expansion, supply of planting material, adoption of drip irrigation and training to farmers for increasing production and productivity. Based on available information, an additional area of 53.809 hectares has been covered under various horticulture crops during 1997-98.

Slow growth in Agricultural Sector

898. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The estimated growth rate of agriculture during 1997-98;

(b) how it would be compared with that of 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(c) the details of the reasons for a slow growth in agriculture estimated during 1997-98; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to accelerated growth rate of agricultural sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The growth rate of gross domestic product (GDP), at factor cost at 1980-81 prices for Agriculture and the allied activities for the year 1997-98 is −2.0 per cent.

(b) The growth rates of GDP agriculture and allied activities for the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are 4.6, -3.7 and 7.9 per cent respectively.

(c) The reasons for lower production and slower growth in agriculture during 1997-98 are attributed to deficient rainfall in the central parts of the country and frequent heavy rains in November and December, 1997, thus delaying the sowing process of rabi crops in most parts of the country.

(d) To accelerate the growth in agriculture sector, the Government is implementing various crop-specific development programmes relating to cereals, pulses, oilseeds, cotton, sugarcane, jute and horticulture crops. Besides, the Government is providing price and market support to the farmers as well as expanding the network of irrigation facilities to more areas etc.

Production of Shrimp

899. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of shrimp during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been a sharp decline in the production of shrimp in the country every year for the last;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to increase the production of shrimps with the increase in demand of shrimp in the international market; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUTLURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The annual production of shrimp during 1994-95 to 1996-97 is given below:

Year	Shrimp Production ('000 tonnes)
1994-95	360
1995-96	331
1996-97	361 (Provisional)

(b) and (c) There has been no sharp decline in the shrimp production during the above period. However, the decline in production during 1995-96 is attributed to White Spot viral disease in isolated pockets and declaration of crop holiday for four months due to the occurrence of disease.

(d) and (e) The steps taken by the Government for increasing the production of shrimp *inter alia* include:—

(i) development of scientific shrimp farming through Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies and providing package of technical, financial and extension support to shrimp growers;

(ii) encouraging establishment of integrated shrimp farms and support facilities such as seed hatcheries, feed mill, etc. in the Government/public/private sectors.

(iii) human resource development by establishing demonstration-cum-training centres; and

(iv) issue of guidelines outlining measures for development and management of sustainable brackishwater aquaculture practices, etc.

Decline in cotton production

900. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of cotton has declined heavily during the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) what are the reasons for the decline in the production thereof; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to save the cotton-seeds from infestation insects therein, together with the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The production of cotton in the country has been consistently rising during 1994-95 to 1996-